

Immorality: Old Testament Style

Introduction: The book of Genesis is replete with examples of immorality of the sexual type. One can see from the Garden of Eden that such perversion was not what God had intended for man. With some ease, one can see that what happened was that humans began to think in terms of their own “vision”, rather than what God wanted to see.

Tonight, we look at a list of encounters and attempt to make some application.

1. God’s intentions for sexual man are described in Genesis 2:22-25. One man and one woman, for each other, who become “one”.
 - A. Woman taken from man so they could have one another.
 - B. The model for sexual relationships was established.
2. Abraham and Sarah are the ones first recorded to violate this plan. Gen. 16:1-6. Notice the turmoil it created in their lives.
 - A. God’s way was to bring them what they wanted.
 - B. Sarah’s desire for a child causes her to rebel against what God wanted.
 - C. Sarah became miserable. Why?
3. Genesis 19:1-11 describes the perversity of man’s “sexual advancement”. Men wanting men with one desire: Self Gratification
 - A. First illustration of what man will do to get what he wants sexually..
 - B. What this atmosphere can do to even a good man – Gen. 19:8
4. Shechem - The man who “loved” so much that he raped. Gen. 34
 - A. What kind of love did Shechem have for Dinah? “I want it love”
 - B. Again, notice the animosity that resulted from Shechem’s “love”.
5. The Story of Tamar: A “Simple” Tale of Prostitution. – Gen. 38
 - A. Again, notice the angst created when God’s way is ignored.
 - B. Judah had been in mourning over the loss of his wife.
 - C. He joins with a “prostitute”, his former daughter-in-law and then shows himself to be a major hypocrite.
6. Potifar’s Wife: The Girl Who Just Wanted To Have Fun - Gen. 39
 - A. Joseph was a handsome guy who managed Potiphar’s affairs.
 - B. Potiphar’s wife, untrue to her marriage vows, wants Joseph.
 - C. She lies about Joseph’s involvement with her and Joseph is jailed.

Conclusion: In the beginning, we can see what God wanted for the human race as far as sexual intimacy was concerned. As the story of humanity and eventually the people Israel expands through the book of Genesis, we can see what happens when man perverts what God desires. Man not only sins against God, but creates disruption in his life and the lives of those around him.